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Notice of Meeting

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

November 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Natural Resources Building, First Floor Auditorium
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Preliminary Agenda Items

The public and Board members will participate in the meeting in person or via Zoom. A recording will be posted after the meeting.

Item Number

- 1.** Roll Call
- 2.** Public Forum for Items not on the Agenda
- 3.** Funding Status — Informational
- 4.** Herbicide Discussion and Presentation on changes to the WCB Herbicide Questionnaire
- 5.** WCB Appraisal Policy Amendment
To consider minor amendments to the WCB Appraisal Policy to streamline the appraisal process, facilitate landscape-scale conservation projects, and “cut green tape”.

Consent Items

6. Recovery of Funds

- 7. China Hill, Expansion 4** **\$40,750**
Siskiyou County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Siskiyou Land Trust (SLT), the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Recovery Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to sub-grant these federal funds to SLT to acquire 21± acres of land for the protection of Yreka phlox, a wildflower endemic to China Hill and other surrounding foothill areas, located in the city of Yreka in Siskiyou County. [General fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

- 8. Yreka Phlox Soap Creek Ridge (Anderson)** **\$105,075**
Siskiyou County

To consider the allocation for a grant to SLT, the acceptance of a USFWS Recovery Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to SLT for a cooperative project with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to acquire 655± acres of land for the protection and recovery of the Yreka phlox and other species associated with serpentine soils, within the Yreka Phlox Recovery Plan area, located on the Soap Creek Ridge in Siskiyou County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

- 9. CAL FIRE Mattole Headwaters** **\$0**
Humboldt County

To consider the acceptance of a conservation easement over 95+ acres by CAL FIRE under the California Forest Legacy Act of 2007, for the purposes of protecting productive timberland from conversion and protecting fish and wildlife habitat, located near Whitehorn in Humboldt County. [Proposition 84, Public Resources Code Section 75055(b).]

- 10. Wilson Ranch Meadow Restoration** **\$892,000**
El Dorado County

To consider the allocation for a grant to American Rivers for a cooperative project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to restore montane meadow habitat located in the headwaters of the South Fork American River in Eldorado National Forest, 30 miles northeast of Pollack Pines in El Dorado County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2022.]

- 11. Barber Creek** **\$240,000**
Alpine County

To consider the acquisition of 66± acres of land by CDFW for the protection of critical mule deer winter range habitat, including mature conifer forest and high desert shrub habitat, located in Alpine County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786a.]

12. Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander (Hasan) \$850,000

Santa Cruz County

To consider the acquisition of 3.5± acres of land by CDFW for the protection and preservation of critical habitat for threatened and endangered species located in Aptos, Santa Cruz County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(d).]

13. Sans Topo Ranch Conservation Easement \$650,000

San Benito County

To consider the allocation of a grant to California Rangeland Trust (CRT), the acceptance of a USFWS Habitat Recovery Land Acquisition grant, and the approval to subgrant these federal funds to CRT to acquire a conservation easement over 4,503±-acres for the protection and preservation of threatened and endangered species habitat, rangelands and grasslands, and habitat linkages located near Hollister in San Benito County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021]

14. Pereira Ranch Conservation Easement \$405,000

San Luis Obispo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County for a cooperative project with the California Department of Conservation (CDC) to acquire a conservation easement over 321± acres of land for the protection of significant oak woodland, rangelands, and grasslands located near San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo County. [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.]

15. San Joaquin Marsh Water Enhancement, Phase II \$605,403

Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the University of California, Irvine, for a project to enhance wetlands located at the University of California Irvine's San Joaquin Marsh located in Irvine in Orange County. [Proposition 68, Public Resources Code Section 80111(c).]

16. Imperial Wildlife Area Wetland Restoration, Units W11, W12 & Y15 \$1,275,000

Imperial County

To consider the allocation for a grant to California Waterfowl Association for a cooperative project with CDFW to enhance 798 acres of wetlands and 17 acres of native upland habitat for the benefit of migratory birds, located at the Imperial Wildlife Area in Imperial County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786dOW.]

Presentation Items

17. Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration \$19,413,000
Statewide

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, for a cooperative project with CDFW, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, CDC, USDA Natural Resource Conservation

Service, and USFWS to expand monarch, pollinator, and other wildlife habitat on public and private lands and to assist landowners in the implementation of carbon farm practices that create habitat and sequester carbon in multiple counties across California. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2022.]

18. Climate Smart Meadow Restoration **\$24,731,000**
Various Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Point Blue Conservation Science for a cooperative project with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, USFS, USFWS, and Sierra Meadows Partnership to plan, implement, and monitor meadow restoration in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains spanning 23 California counties. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2022.]

19. Building Wildlife-Friendly Resilience in Working Landscapes **\$26,000,000**
Various Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Point Blue Conservation Science for a cooperative project with local volunteer educators and students, to implement wildlife habitat restoration on working lands in multiple counties across California. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2022.]

20. Trinity Alps Forest Restoration **\$1,835,000**
Siskiyou, Trinity Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to Trust for Public Land to enhance forest health and restore wilderness characteristics on lands adjacent to the Trinity Alps and Castle Crags wildernesses, in Shasta-Trinity National Forest located in Siskiyou and Trinity counties. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2022.]

21. Battle Creek Confluence Sidechannel Restoration Planning **\$1,243,000**
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Tehama County Resource Conservation District to conduct the planning, design, impacts analysis, and permit implementation actions necessary for the reconnection and restoration of salmonid rearing habitat in a historic side channel immediately downstream of Battle Creek's confluence with the Sacramento River in Tehama County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

22. Sierra Valley Conservation Area, Expansion 7 (Bates Ranch) **\$2,382,268**
Plumas County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Feather River Land Trust for a cooperative project with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to acquire a conservation easement over 4,101± acres of working landscape to protect and preserve open waterways, emergent wetlands, wet meadows, perennial native grasslands, dry meadows and the open-space characteristics which support numerous sensitive species along with providing future potential wildlife-oriented,

public-use opportunities, located in Plumas County. [Proposition 40, Public Resources Code Section 5096.650(a)(2).]

**23. Cortina Ridge Sawato Kamitlitarro Wildlife Crossing \$9,388,000
Colusa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the construction of a wildlife crossing over State Route 20 to increase the range of prime Tule Elk habitat and re-unite two heritage subherds 13 miles west of Williams in Colusa County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

**24. Salmon Creek School Water Conservation, Augmentation \$1,230,000
Sonoma County**

To consider the allocation for a grant augmentation to the North Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council for a cooperative project with Harmony Union School District for obtaining permits, constructing a rainwater catchment system, implementing water conservation measures, and conducting stream flow and habitat monitoring located adjacent to the Salmon Creek mainstem on Bohemian Highway in Occidental, approximately 14.5 miles upstream from the mouth of the creek where it enters the Pacific Ocean at the Harmony Union School District campus, Sonoma County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

**25. Bale Slough - Bear Creek Tributary Restoration \$1,708,125
Napa County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for a cooperative project with State Coastal Conservancy and State Water Resources Control Board to enhance and restore riparian habitat and floodplain function, located on privately-owned land one mile northeast of Yountville in Napa County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

**26. Mammoth 395 Wildlife Crossing Planning \$3,170,000
Mono County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Caltrans for a cooperative project with CDFW, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, and United States Bureau of Land Management to complete the designs and environmental compliance necessary to install a wildlife crossing corridor consisting of two enhanced under crossing structures and exclusion fencing along U.S. Highway 395, ten miles southeast of the town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

**27. Agoura Hills - Santa Monica Mountains Gateway \$2,230,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire 8± acres of land for the protection of threatened and endangered habitat and to provide for future wildlife-oriented, public-use

opportunities located in Angora Hills, Los Angeles County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, Fish and Game Code Section 2786bc.]

**28. Newhall Pass I-5 Wildlife Crossing Design \$4,724,000
Los Angeles County**

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains for a project to develop the planning, designs, and environmental review for a wildlife overpass across Interstate 5 in the Newhall Pass Region near Santa Clarita in Los Angeles County. [General Fund, Budget Act of 2021.]

29. 2023 Board Meeting Dates

The Board will be asked to approve WCB meeting dates for 2023:

- Thursday, February 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, August 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, November 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn

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